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PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH, FARM ANIMALS AND YOUR FARM DURING TOURS, ANIMAL EXHIBITIONS IS FOCUS OF AUG. 24 CONFERENCE

An outbreak of *E. coli* that sickened dozens of people who attended a recent open house at a Connecticut farm spotlights the serious human health risks that can be associated with agritourism events that include contact between people and farm animals.

How farmers can recognize and reduce that risk to the public, to their livestock and to their livelihood will be the focus of an upcoming conference hosted by the Department of Agriculture, UConn Extension and the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association that is designed to help farmers limit the spread of disease from animals to people.

Agritourism: Protecting Public Health, Animal Health and Your Farm will be held Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford. Pre-registration is \$10 and available at www.store.uconn.edu. Walk-ins are welcome and will be charged \$15 at the door.

The conference presents a unique opportunity for farmers to hear from recognized state and federal authorities on how to manage risk, and how investigations into outbreaks are conducted.

Speakers include experts from the state Dept. of Agriculture, the state Dept. of Public Health, UCONN Extension, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the USDA, APHIS Veterinary Services, and others.

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106th ANNUAL PLANT SCIENCE DAY DRAWS MORE THAN 1,000 TO LOCKWOOD FARM Thompson Farm Receives Century Award

Norman Hill Farm in Thompson was named the 2016 Century Farm Award winner last week at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's 106th annual Plant Science Day.

The event drew more than 1,000 visitors to Lockwood Farm, the Station's 75-acre research farm in Hamden, (pictured above), where experts gave updates on research advances in agriculture, food safety, the environment, and public health.

Attendees also could visit 85 field plots and exhibits, participate in tours of the farm and consult with experts on diagnosing plant diseases and identifying plants, insects, and weeds.

The Century Farm Award is given to a farm that has been in family operation for more than 100 years. The recipient is selected by the Connecticut Agricultural Information Council.

The following is a Proclamation to the farm from Governor Dannel P. Malloy that was presented to the Norman family at the event (pictured above):

"Norman Hill Farm, located in Thompson, was founded in 1910 by Carl A. Norman, who emigrated from Sweden in 1900. Vegetables, eggs, and butter were produced and sold. He gradually increased the dairy herd and poultry flock, and built three greenhouses to increase vegetable production.

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	70.00	74.00
boners 80-85% lean	69.00	73.00
lean 88-90% lean	62.00	68.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	119.00	124.50
Choice 2-3	116.00	119.50
Sel 1-2	113.00	117.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
Ch 2-3	106.00	111.50
Sel 1-2	100.00	106.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	116.50	120.00
Ch 2-3	110.00	115.00
Select 1-2	103.00	107.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 90-112 lbs	121.00	142.00
No 1 80-90 lbs	100.00	107.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
70-80 lbs	215.00	217.00
90-110 lbs	185.00	197.00
110-130 lbs	170.00	185.00
130-150 lbs	165.00	170.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	93.00	120.00
120-160 lbs	80.00	100.00
160-200 lbs	72.00	80.00
200-300 lbs	52.00	72.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS		
160-200 lbs	130.00	142.00
200-300 lbs	125.00	125.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
40-60 lbs	175.00	195.00
60-80 lbs	210.00	245.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Select 1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	200.00	225.00
130-180 lbs	225.00	245.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
150-250 lbs	350.00	395.00

DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS

Sold by the head.

FRESH COWS:		
SUPREME	1600.00	1725.00
APPROVED	1400.00	1550.00
MEDIUM	1175.00	1375.00
SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1600.00	1600.00
APPROVED	1200.00	1400.00
MEDIUM	925.00	1025.00
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1650.00	1650.00
APPROVED	1250.00	1550.00
MEDIUM	1000.00	1275.00
BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1575.00	1575.00
APPROVED	1275.00	1475.00
MEDIUM	900.00	1175.00
COMMON	700.00	700.00
SHORT BRED HEIFERS (1-3 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	1250.00	1275.00
MEDIUM	1000.00	1175.00
COMMON	625.00	850.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.50
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	14.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	5.00	6.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEANS, FLAT GREEN, BU	22.00	22.00
BEANS, GREEN, HND PK, BU	13.00	13.00
BEANS, GREEN, MACH PK, BU	14.00	14.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	20.00	22.00
BEETS, RED, LOOSE, 25 LBS	12.00	12.00
BLUEBERRY, NONCULT, 12-1PT	60.00	60.00
BROCCOLI, BUNCHED, 14	12.00	12.00
BROCCOLI, CRWN CUT, 20 LBS	12.00	13.00
CABBAGE, 1.75 BU (50 LBS)	12.00	12.00
CAULIFLOWER, FLTJKTPAK, 9	12.00	13.00
CAULIFLOWER, FLTJKTPAK, 12	14.00	14.00
COLLARDS, BUNCHED, 12	17.00	18.00
CORN, SWEET, BI-COLR, 5 DOZ	8.00	10.00
CORN, SWEET, BI-COLR, 4 DOZ	25.00	25.00
CORN, SWEET, SILVER, 4 DOZ	25.00	25.00
CORN, SWEET, BI-COLR, EACH	.50	.50
CUKES, PER LB	1.50	1.50
CUKES, PICKLERS, 1/2 BU	14.00	14.00
CUKES, PICKLERS, PER LB	1.50	1.50
CUKES, 1-1/9, SUPER	14.00	14.00
CUKES, 1-1/9, SELECT	10.00	10.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9	14.00	14.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 10 LBS	45.00	50.00
GARLIC, MUSIC, RED REZAN, LB	16.00	16.00
GARLIC, GERMAN RED, LB	16.00	16.00
GARLIC, SPANISH ROJAS, LB	16.00	16.00
GARLIC, CHESNOOK RED, LB	16.00	16.00
KALE, CTN, 12	12.00	13.00
KALE, LACINITO, CTN, 12	14.00	15.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, BU	75.00	75.00
PEPPERS, GRN BELL, 1/2 BU	18.00	18.00
PEPPERS, JALAPENO, 1-1/9	12.00	12.00
PEPPERS, YUM YUM, 10 LBS	19.00	19.00
PEPPERS, YUM YUM, 1 LB	1.90	1.90
POTATOES, RND WHT, #1, 50 LB	18.00	18.00
RASPBERRIES, 18-1/2 PT	36.00	36.00
RHUBARB, OPEN FIELD, 20 LBS	35.00	35.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU	8.00	12.00
SQUASH, GRN/YLLW, PER LB	1.10	1.10
SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU	7.00	10.00
SWISS CHARD, 12/CASE	30.00	30.00
TOMS, CHERRY, GHSE, 5LBS	16.00	18.00
TOMS, HEIRLM, GHSE, M-L, 10 LB	24.00	25.00
TOMS, JETSTAR, 20 LBS	22.00	22.00
TOMS, JETSTAR, PER LB	1.25	1.25
TOMS, ONVINE, GHSE, 11 LBS	11.00	12.00
TOMS, VINERIPE GHSE, 25 LBS	15.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

LEEKs, NJ, 1-1/4, 12	16.00	18.00
MACHE, GHSE, PA, 3 LBS	12.00	12.00
MESCULIN MIX, ORG, CA, 3 LB	8.00	9.00
NECTARINE, WHT, PA, XF, 48	27.00	27.00
ONION, RED, CA, 25 LBS	14.00	20.00
ONION, SPANISH, OR, 50 LBS	18.00	21.00
ONION, VIDALIA, GA, COL, 40LB	22.00	25.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ, 60	15.00	17.00
PARSLEY, FLAT, NJ, 60	15.00	17.00
PEACHES, PA, XF, 2LYR, 48	24.00	24.00
PEPPR, HUNG WX, NJ, 1/2 BU	21.00	21.00
TURNIP, PURPLTOP, CA, 25 LB	16.00	18.00
WATERCRESS, AL, BUNCH, 24	17.00	20.00
WATERMELON, MD, 10-14LB, EA	3.50	4.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - August 8, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	45.00	55.00
61-75 lbs.	80.00	85.00
76-90 lbs.	87.50	90.00
91-105 lbs.	92.50	95.00
106 lbs. & up	97.50	100.00
Farm Calves	102.50	170.00
Starter Calves	50.00	65.00
Veal Calves	110.00	140.00
Open Heifers	70.00	100.00
Beef Heifers	85.00	92.00
Feeder Steers	80.00	109.00
Beef Steers	90.50	101.00
Stock Bulls	80.00	110.00
Beef Bulls	95.00	100.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	1@	.02
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	42.50	45.00
Sheep each	90.00	105.00
Lambs each	170.00	230.00
Goats each	160.00	240.00
Kid Goats each	70.00	230.00
Canners	up to	70.50
Cutters	71.00	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.50	78.00
Rabbits each	5.00	21.00
Chickens each	3.00	17.00
Ducks each	3.00	19.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.51	.75
LARGE	.45	.59
MEDIUM	.26	.39

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.00	1.15
LARGE	.90	1.05
MEDIUM	.41	.53
SMALL	.29	.40

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	40.00	45.00
	300-350 lbs	35.00	41.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	37.00	41.00
	350-400 lbs	29.50	37.50
Sows, US 1-3			
	500-800 lbs	31.50	38.50
Boars	200-350 lbs	22.00	31.00
	350-750 lbs	6.00	12.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. FEEDER PIGS

Per cwt.

US 1-2	20-30 lbs	130.00	130.00
	30-40 lbs	85.00	100.00
	40-50 lbs	115.00	125.00
	50-60 lbs	140.00	140.00
	60-80 lbs	105.00	105.00
US 2	20-30 lbs	150.00	150.00
	30-40 lbs	85.00	120.00
	40-50 lbs	85.00	85.00

FOR SALE

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78-R. Lynn Blackmer, Nationwide Farm Master Certified Agent, Woodstock, CT. Farm, commercial, life insurance, and more. Cell: 860-377-8947 to see how Nationwide compares.

81-R. Tew produce wash line, 5 foot table, 24" wash, grade and pack. Must sell. Make a reasonable offer. 203-521-3141 or 860-619-8030 leave message or mortensen23@aol.com

85-R. 8 yearling Baldy steers. 8 open yearling Baldy heifers. 4 bred Baldy heifers due August. 860-485-5720.

WANTED

86-R. Orchard Opportunity. Drazen Orchards located on 30 acres in Cheshire, growing apples, peaches, pears and plums is seeking energetic farm foreman to help oversee all aspects of our current operation and ongoing expansion. Experience in orchard practices, operation of equipment and mechanical aptitude required. Additional opportunity for a farm couple which could include management and further development of existing retail and PYO operation with potential of on farm housing. Please only respond by email: edrazen1@gmail.com

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS FOR GREENHOUSE GROWERS

The programs listed below are a cooperative effort of the Connecticut Greenhouse Growers Association, the CT Dept. of Agriculture, UConn Extension, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and the USDA Risk Management Agency.

- **Aug. 30, 9 am to 4 pm: Financial Decisions for Greenhouse Businesses**/Jones Auditorium, CT Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven. Learn about business planning, estimating production costs, agricultural benchmarks, investments, financial benefits of disease and pest management options, retaining the workforce, financial assistance options and crop insurance.
- **Sept 7, 5 pm: Evening at the Greenhouse**/ Geremia Greenhouses, 415 Barnes Rd., Wallingford. Demonstration on how to prepare for an OSHA audit.
- **Sept. 27, 10 am to 4 pm: Practical Applications for Greenhouse Nutrient Management**/Jones Auditorium, CT Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St., New Haven. Presentations on how to maintain desired nutrient levels in the growing media.

For registration, call or email Susan Pronovost at 203-261-9067 or susan.pronovost@snet.net

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Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said that open houses, farm tours, fairs and other on-farm events are great opportunities to welcome the general public to experience farming and agriculture. These events, however, pose inherent risks to humans and livestock.

"Farm animals can carry and shed disease-causing organisms at any time without showing clinical signs," Reviczky said. "It is critically important that farmers be constantly vigilant in taking the necessary steps to reduce the potential for disease transmission to visitors. This conference will demonstrate how that can be accomplished, as well as address the risks that visitors pose to livestock."

Protecting Public Health, Animal Health and Your Farm

Moderator: Thomas McKenna, DVM, PhD
District Director, SPRS, District 1, USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services

9:00 – 9:30: Welcome

- Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Agriculture
- Gregory Weidemann, PhD, Dean and Director, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, UCONN
- Henry Talmage, Executive Director, Connecticut Farm Bureau Association

9:30 – 10:00: IT'S NOT JUST YOU: A NATIONAL VIEW OF ILLNESS OUTBREAKS LINKED TO ANIMAL CONTACT

- Megin Nichols, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

10:00 – 10:30: OUTBREAK INVESTIGATIONS

- Matthew Cartter, MD, MPH, Connecticut Department of Public Health

10:45 – 11:15: VISITORS, ANIMALS AND THE FARM ENVIRONMENT – DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE ROLES IN PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND ANIMAL HEALTH

- Bruce Sherman, DVM, MPH, Connecticut Department of Agriculture

11:15 – 11:30: MANAGING YOUR FARM RISKS

- Joseph Bonelli, MS (USDA Risk Management Program) UCONN Extension

11:30 – 12:00: FSMA (FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT) TO FEED TO LIABILITY

- Lance E. Reeve, Nationwide Insurance

12:00 – 1:00: LUNCH, "ON YOUR OWN" – LOB CAFETERIA**1:00 – 1:30: FOOD ON THE FARM: DO YOU WANT E. COLI WITH THAT?**

- Diane Wright Hirsch, MPH, UCONN

1:30 - 2:00: PREVENTING OUTBREAKS OF ILLNESS LINKED TO ANIMAL CONTACT: IT IS POSSIBLE!

- Megin Nichols, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2:00 – 2:15: VETERINARY SERVICES' ONE HEALTH INITIATIVE

- Fredric Cantor, DVM, MPH, USDA, APHIS, VS

2:15 – 3:00: PANEL DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

- Moderator and Panelist: Dr. Thomas McKenna; Dr. Matthew Cartter; Dr. Fredric Cantor; Diane Wright Hirsch; Dr. Megin Nichols; Lance E. Reeve; Dr. Bruce Sherman.



Above: A new pavilion built from Connecticut-grown timber by Strong Timber Frames and Sawmill in East Hampton housed a series of lectures and presentations at last week's annual Plant Science Day, held at the CT Agricultural Experiment Station's Lockwood Farm in Hamden. Above right: An experimental hopyard funded by grants from the Dept. of Agriculture was a popular stop for attendees of the event.

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One of Carl's sons, Oscar Norman, bought the farm from his mother in 1943 after the death of his father, continuing with the same farm enterprises. Poultry was dropped in 1958 and the last commercial vegetable crop was greenhouse tomatoes in 1980.

Oscar and his wife Elizabeth were involved with many organizations including the Killingly Regional Vocational Agricultural Consulting Committee, the New England Vegetable Growers Association, the Connecticut Farm Bureau, 4H, and the Woodstock Green Thumbs Garden Club.

They also hosted young people from Costa Rica, India, Taiwan and Zambia as a part of the International Farm Youth Exchange Program. Roy and Earl Norman, Oscar's sons, and the third generation on the farm, bought the farm in 1976.

They each built homes on the farm and now

operate strictly as a dairy farm. Currently, Roy and Earl have a 100-cow freestall barn for the milking herd and a 120-cow freestall barn for dry cows and 3 different age groups of heifers.

They also produce grass and corn for hay and silage feed. Roy and Earl are members of The Connecticut Farm Bureau, and Roy is very involved with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers Association.

Earl serves on the Thompson Agricultural Commission and the New England Dairy Promotion Board. The farm received the Albert R. Todd Conservation Award for improvements in conservation and pollution control practices.

Members of the fourth generation of Normans continue to work on the farm and a member of the fifth generation recently joined the Happy Herdsmen 4H Dairy Club, the same club that their grandfather Earl belonged to over 50 years ago.

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